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| <p><b>Meeting was called to order by vice-chair Dan Nankee at 1:00 PM.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>Roll Call.</b> Members present: Rod Anding, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Kevin Butteris, Roger Dax, and Dan Nankee. Members excused: Dave Gollon, Don Leix Others present: Katie Abbott, Sarah Hovis, Andy Walsh, Dave Terrall, Paul Ohlrogge</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>Approve the agenda for this October 17, 2019 meeting:</b> Sup. Benish made a motion to approve the October 17, 2019 agenda with the change of moving item #14 (cost-share ranking sheet) to after #8 (UWEX regional water specialist). Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>Approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting:</b> Mr. Anding made a motion to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes. Sup. Benish seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken.</b> Sup. Nankee shared an article about an education program using an online game focused on water conservation. Sup. Nankee welcomed Mr. Dax and Mr. Bunker back to the committee.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>NRCS update:</b> Andy Walsh provided an update that the federal fiscal year began on October 1. Because new rules for EQIP under the new Farm Bill are still in development they do not have an official sign-up date, but they are taking applications. The late sign-up will delay next year's projects.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>Wildlife Abatement 2019 crop prices and 2020 budget approvals (Dave Terrall, USDA Wildlife Service):</b> Mr. Terrall presented the 2020 budget, which is pass-through funding from USDA and state deer licenses. Discussion re: admin costs, venison processing, CWD testing. Sup. Benish moved to approve the 2020 Wildlife Abatement budget. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Discussion of proposed 2019 crop prices and harvest date. Mr. Anding moved to set the 90% harvest date as December 31 and to approve the 2019 crop prices with the following changes: Alfalfa price increase to \$250/ton, Alfalfa/grass mix increase to \$200/ton, grass increase to \$173/ton, soybeans increase to \$8.50/bushel. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>UW-Extension Regional Water Specialist discussion (Paul Ohlrogge, UW-Extension):</b> Mr. Ohlrogge shared a Position Description for a Regional Water Specialist that will work in SW WI, and presented the background, focus areas, location, and funding sources for the position. Mr. Bunker moved to support the position. Mr. Anding seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>Cost-share ranking sheet:</b> Sarah Hovis presented the draft ranking system. Discussion on process and costs of projects; the committee asked to see an example of a completed sheet at a future meeting. Sup. Benish moved to approve the ranking sheet. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>Blackhawk Lake Commission update:</b> No report was provided due to Sup. Leix's absence.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| <p><b>FPP extension request approval:</b> Ms. Abbott presented a request by Dick Powell to extend his Nutrient Management Plan deadline to December 31, 2019. Mr. Dax moved to approve the extension. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                         |

**Birch Lake dredging update and siphon request:** Ms. Abbott provided an update and shared photos of the Birch Lake Dam dredging project and valve replacement. The Friends of Birch Lake (FoBL) are requesting to leave most of the siphon equipment on the dam through the winter, following any requirements by DNR, including removing all pipes below the riser level. Mr. Anding moved to approve FoBL's request. Mr. Dax seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NMP cost-share rate adjustment:** Ms. Abbott discussed current rates, expenditures, and interest for Nutrient Management Planning cost-share. Staff proposed to increase the rate from \$16/ac to \$28/ac, which would be retroactive to all 2019 payments. Sup. Benish moved to approve the \$28/ac rate. Mr. Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Municipal Dam Grant application resolution:** Ms. Abbott presented the Municipal Dam Grant resolution, which is required to apply for funding that would be used for required repairs on Twin Parks #7 (Birch Lake) dam. Sup. Benish moved to approve the resolution and send it to the Public Works Committee. Sup. Butteris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Land Conservation Department updates:** Ms. Abbott provided the following updates:

- a) 2020 budget: The requested 5hr/week increase in Department Assistant hours were cut (as were several departments). Due to upcoming pay grid adjustments and health insurance cost increases, the Land Conservation tax levy request will be \$3,815 (2.3%) higher than last year.
- b) Event recaps: Fall Tech Tour and Youth Field Day: Ms. Abbott provided a recap and showed photos from the two events.

**Agenda items for future meetings:** additional cost-share approvals

**Motion to set the next meeting date and adjourn.** The next meeting date was set for Thursday November 14 at 1:00pm. Mr. Bunker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Anding seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.